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is--the National Guard has it, why don't these Reservists get it. Let the unit go ahead and be deactivated and let them join the National Guard. To start at this point, doing what is being done by the Legislature, it wouldn't be very just to cut off the other units that Senator Skarda mentioned who may come in next year for the same treatment. So this would be a precedent. It is opening the door and saying that the state is going to assume the responsibility for certain federal programs. If you start it, I think you have to carry it through.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall LB 266 be returned ... Senator Carsten, ... be returned for specific amendment. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 28 nays on the motion to return, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Read the bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Read title to LB 266.

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PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: I move to return LB 339 to Select File for specific amendment. (Read amendment offered by Senator Cavanaugh on page 558 of the Journal).

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: (machine not working) ... people absent and so I reoffer it at this time in the hopes that those who were absent are now present and would vote to put this measure to a vote of the people in the counties prior to the imposition of this tax. I think that this is a peculiar, unique and an unusual mode of taxation for a unique and unusual purpose. For those reasons a justification for a vote of the people is desirable I think. So I feel that this is an acceptable amendment and should be acceptable to this Legislature. I urge the adoption.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I would ask you to oppose this amendment for the very reason that we have gone over this bill many, many times. We have taken a lot of time. It's been fully discussed. I would like to see it proceed on to Final Reading and make the decision.

I would like to say another good reason why I would like to have you oppose it is some facts that were taken from the Nebraska survey. There are 12 million out of state people that go across this state each year, 12 million. Do you know that only 22.5 percent of these people stop at a tourist attraction. This should be very good evidence that we are not doing our job. I'm not being critical of the state. I think they're doing a great job with the money they have to spend. But with this enactment of 339 this will give local areas an opportunity to tell about the various spots in Nebraska and stop these people.

I ask you to oppose this amendment.